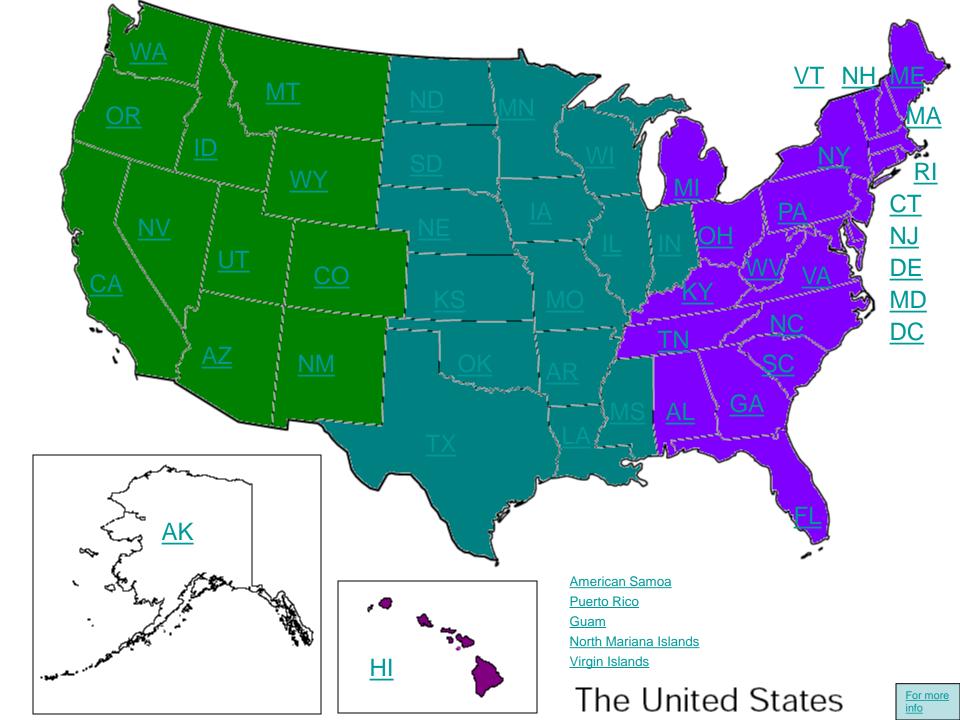


# What does my home State have to offer me?





# **ALABAMA**



# **Housing Benefits**

Alabama State Veterans Home Program

#### **Financial Assistance Benefits**

- Ad Valorem Tax Exemptions
- Bonus for Southeast Asian War Prisoners
- Exemption of Debts Incurred Pursuant to National Housing Act or Veterans' Benefits
- Military Retiree Income Tax Exemption
- Unemployment Compensation
- Military Combat Pay Income Tax Exemption

# **Employment Benefits**

- Job Status and Reemployment Rights
- Preference in State Classified Employment

#### **Veterans Business Benefits**

- Business and Occupation License Exemptions for Disabled Veterans
- Business and Occupation License Exemptions for Veterans of WW II
- Forfeiture of Franchise

#### **Education Benefits**

G. I. Dependents' Scholarship Program

#### **Other State Benefits**

- Armed Forces Voter Registration and Absentee Voting
- Commitment of Incompetent Veteran
- Executive, Attestation and Acknowledgment Certification
- Fiduciaries in War Service
- Discounted Fishing License
- Guardianship for Veterans and Minor Dependents
- Military Leave of Absence
- Notice of Armed Forces Death
- · Official Report of Person Missing, Etc
- Peace Officers' Credit for Military Service
- Public Records
- Recording of Discharges
- Validation of Marriage of Divorced Persons
- Wills

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# **ALASKA**



# **Housing Benefits**

- Veterans Land Discount/Purchase Preference
- Property Tax Exemptions
- Veterans Housing and Residential Loans

# **Employment Benefits**

- Employment Preference Rights
- Veterans Employment Services
- Affirmative Action Plan

#### **Education Benefits**

- Free Tuition for Spouse or Dependent of Armed Services Member
- High School Diplomas

### **Other State Benefits**

- Recording Veterans Report of Separation Form
- Disabled Veterans Parking Permits
- Veterans License Plates
- Hunting and Fishing Licenses
- State Camping Pass
- Alaska Marine Highway Pass
- Birthday Cards from the Governor
- Governor's Advocacy Award
- Military and Veterans Memorial Landmark Property
- Wartime Letters The Legacy Project
- Military Credit Towards State Retirement

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# **ARIZONA**



# **Housing Benefits**

Arizona State Veterans Home

### **Financial Assistance Benefits**

- Tax and License Fee Exemptions
- Vehicle License Tax and Registration Fees
- Veterans' Donation Fund

# **Employment Benefits**

- Employment Preferences
- Professional and Occupational Licenses
- Local Veterans Employment Representative
- Disabled Veterans Outreach Program

#### **Education Benefits**

- Tuition and Fees-Deferred Payment
- Veterans Supportive Campuses
- Automatic In State Residency

#### **Other State Benefits**

- · Burial and Headstones
- Absentee Voting in Elections
- Recording of Discharges
- Public Record Certification
- Credit for Military Service for State Retirement Benefits
- Hunting and Fishing Licenses
- Arizona State Parks
- Special License Plates

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# **ARKANSAS**



# **Housing Benefits**

- Arkansas Veterans Home
- Domiciliary- Intermediate and Skilled Care

### **Financial Assistance Benefits**

- Homestead and Personal Property Tax Exemption
- Gross Receipt of Tax Exemption
- Income Tax Exemption

#### **Education Benefits**

Free Tuition for Spouse, Children of POW

#### **Other State Benefits**

- Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism
- Hunting and Fishing License
- License Plates- Military Specialty Plates
- Arkansas State Veterans Cemetery

# **Claims and Appeals Division**

- Claims assistance
- Representation with VA appeals

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# **CALIFORNIA**



# **Housing Benefits**

· Veterans Homes of California

#### **Financial Assistance Benefits**

- Property Tax Exemptions
- Calvet Farm and Home Loans
- Motor Vehicle Registration Fees Waived

# **Employment Benefits**

- Employment and Unemployment Insurance Assistance
- Veterans Preference in California Civil Service Examinations

#### **Veterans Business Benefits**

- Business License, Tax and Fee Waiver
- Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Opportunities

### **Education Benefits**

• College Tuition Fee Waivers for Veterans' Dependents

#### **Other State Benefits**

- Disabled Veteran License Plates
- Free License Plates
- Veterans Claims Representation
- Fishing and Hunting Licenses
- State Parks and Recreation Pass
- State of California Veterans Cemetery
- Veterans License Plates
- The California Women Veterans Roster
- The California Veterans Registry at the California Veterans Memorial

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# **COLORADO**



# **Housing Benefits**

- State Veterans' Home
- State Veterans Nursing Home

### **Financial Assistance Benefits**

- Colorado State Tax Advantage
- Burial Allowance

# **Employment Benefits**

- Employment Assistance
- Employment Preference

### **Education Benefits**

- Tuition Assistance
- Tuition Assistance for Children of POWs, MIAs, or Disabled/Deceased ARNG
- Operation Recognition

#### **Other State Benefits**

- Special Vehicle License Plates
- Medical Benefits
- Hunting and Fishing Privileges

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# CONNECTICUT



# **Housing Benefits**

- Connecticut Veterans' Home
- Property Tax Exemptions

### **Financial Assistance Benefits**

- The Soldiers', Sailors' and Marines' Fund
- . OEF OIF Bonus for CT NG

# **Employment Benefits**

Employment Assistance

#### **Education Benefits**

- Educational Benefit/Tuition Waivers
- High School Diplomas and Veterans of WWII

#### **Other State Benefits**

- Burial in Connecticut's Veterans' Cemetery
- Motor Vehicles Waiver
- Retirement
- Advocacy for Veterans Benefits 1-866-9CT-VETS

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# **DELAWARE**



# **Housing Benefits**

• State Veterans Home

### **Financial Assistance Benefits**

- Pension Benefits for Paraplegic Veterans
- Modifications to Taxable Income

# **Employment Benefits**

• State Employment Veterans Preference

#### **Education Benefits**

- Educational Benefits For Children Of Deceased Veterans, Etc.
- Education Benefits For Active Members Of The Delaware National Guard
- High School Diploma For WWII Veterans

#### **Other State Benefits**

- Copies of Statement of Service
- State Park Admission Discount
- Free Death Certificates for Veterans
- No Charge for Notary Services for Veterans
- Veterans Preference Admission to Governor Bacon Health Center
- Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery
- Indigent Veteran Burial
- Special License Plates
- Registration and Inspection of Motor Vehicles of Disabled Veterans
- Credited Military Service; Eligibility
- Auctioneer and Book Agent Exemption for Veterans
- Hunting, Trapping and Fishing Licenses

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# **FLORIDA**



# **Housing Benefits & Nursing Homes**

- Florida State Veterans' Homes Program
- Veterans' Nursing Homes of Florida
- Homestead Exemptions vary by county
- Property Tax Exemptions(10% to 100% BUT not Permanent in nature) \$5000
- Veterans Age 65 or older with combat disability

# **Employment Benefits**

- Veterans' Preference in Employment and Retention
- Employ Florida Vets Program
- Job Placement and Training
- LVER/DVOP

### **Education Benefits**

- High School Diploma Korean War Veterans
- High School Diploma WWII Veterans
- Tuition Deferment
- Reduced Tuition for National Guard
- Education for Children or Spouses Of Deceased Or Disabled Florida Veterans
- Recipients of the Purple Heart and other combat decorations superior in precedence receive waiver of undergraduate-level tuition.
- Dependent children of service members Missing in Action or Prisoners of War may also be eligible for tuition benefits.

### **Other State Benefits**

- Certification of Discharge or Separation
- 100% Disabled Veteran State Identification Card
- Community Based Out patient Clinics
- Hunting and Fishing License Fees exempted
- Motor Vehicle Military License Plates fees exempted
- Disabled Veteran Motor Vehicle License Plate
- Permits/Fees (parking, tolls, building improvements)
- Benefits Counseling
- Commission as a Notary Public fees exempt
- Veteran Employment Services
- Outreach Assistance / Workforce Florida
- Job placement and training

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# **GEORGIA**



# **Housing Benefits**

War Veterans Homes

### **Financial Assistance Benefits**

- Exemption from Homestead Tax
- Exemption from Sales Tax on Vehicles
- Ad Valorem Tax on Vehicles
- Exemption from State Income Tax
- Certificate of Exemption
- Abatement of State Income Taxes
- Injury and Death Benefits

# **Employment Benefits**

- Employment Preference
- Employment Assistance

#### **Education Benefits**

- Georgia Military Scholarship
- Tuition Assistance (Georgia Air National Guard)
- The National Guard Service Cancelable Loan Fund
- Georgia HERO Scholarship

#### **Other State Benefits**

- Hunting and Fishing Licenses
- Vehicle License Tags
- ID Cards
- Veterans License Plates
- Handicapped Parking
- Guardianship
- Benefits Assistance
- Cemeteries

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# **HAWAII**



# **Housing Benefits**

Special Housing for Disabled Veterans

#### **Financial Assistance Benefits**

Tax Exemptions

# **Employment Benefits**

Employment and Re-employment

#### **Other State Benefits**

- Burials
- Vital Statistics
- License Plates
- Claims Assistance
- Maintain Discharge Documents

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# **IDAHO**



# **Housing Benefits**

Veterans Homes

### **Financial Assistance Benefits**

- Tax Exemption
- Emergency Grant for Wartime Veterans

#### **Education Benefits**

- Operation Education-University of Idaho
- Scholarship for Child (Step & Grand) of MIA/POW/PH
- In-State Tuition for Guardsmen/Reservists who live outside the State of Idaho, but whom serve with an Idaho unit.
- Scholarship for dependents of 100% TPD Vets (OIF/OEF)

#### **Other State Benefits**

- Idaho State Veterans Cemetery
- Specialty License Plates
- \$5 Hunting & Fishing License at 40% VA Rating
- Free campsite pass and park pass at 100% Rating
- Military Furlough Combination Hunting/Fishing @ \$17.50 (Idaho residents on Active Duty; mush provide LES)

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# **ILLINOIS**



### **Housing Benefits and Programs**

- 4 Veteran Skilled Nursing Facilities
- The Prince Home for the Homeless & Disabled
- Welcome Home Heroes Homebuyer Financing Package
- Specially Adapted Housing Grants
- Tax Exemptions for Returning & Disabled Veterans
- Tax Exemption for Specially Adapted Housing

#### **Financial Assistance Benefits**

- World War II, Korean, Vietnam, Persian Gulf War and Global War on Terrorism Bonus Payments
- Vietnam and Global War on Terrorism Survivors Comp.
- Global War on Terrorism Survivors Compensation
- POW Compensation
- Military Family Relief Fund

### **Employment Benefits and Programs for Veterans**

- Employment Search Assistance
- Unemployment Insurance Benefits
- State Government/Employment Preference
- Credit toward State Licenses
- Education Waiver for State Police & Conservation Police
- Specialized Training Programs & Entrepreneurial Seminars
- Veterans Business Program (preference for state contracts)
- Illinois Reemployment Rights

### **Education Benefits and Programs**

- Illinois Veterans' Grant
- Illinois National Guard Grant
- Educational Opportunities for Children (10-18 Yrs)
- Children of Veterans Scholarship
- MIA/POW Scholarship
- Troops to Teachers

### **Other State Benefits and Programs**

- Illinois Joining Forces
- Veterans Care (Health Care)
- Warrior Assistance Program (Health Care)
- Women Veterans Program
- Cartage and Erection Fees
- Graves Registration
- Indigent Veterans Burial Benefit
- 6 Veteran Treatment Courts
- Hunting and Fishing Privileges
- Camping and Admission Fee Exemptions
- CTA Military Pass

### **Employment Resources for Businesses**

- Veteran's Tax Credit
- Illinois Hire Heroes Consortium

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# **INDIANA**



# **Housing Benefits**

- The Indiana Veterans Home (IVH)
- The Indiana Soldiers and Sailors Children's Home (ISSCH)

### **Financial Assistance Benefits**

- Property Tax Abatements
- Military Family Relief Fund
- Veterans' Affairs Trust Fund

# **Employment Benefits**

- Employment Assistance
- High School Diploma Program for WWI, WWII, Korean War & Vietnam War Veterans
- Remission of Fees (Free Tuition) for the Child(ren) of a Disabled Veteran & graduates of the ISSCH
- Remission of Fees (Free Tuition) for recipients of the Purple Heart

#### **Other State Benefits**

- County Veterans Service Officers
- Golden Hoosier Passport (State Parks)
- Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery
- Motor Vehicle License Plates
- Peddlers, Vendors, or Hawkers License
- Resident Veteran Hunting and Fishing License
- Vital Documents For Veterans Benefits

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# **IOWA**



# **Housing Benefits**

- Iowa Veterans Home
- Military Service Member Home Ownership Assistance Program
- Property Tax Exemption

#### **Financial Assistance Benefits**

- Veterans Trust Fund
- Injured Veterans Grant

#### **Education Benefits**

- Operation Recognition High School Diploma
- National Guard Tuition Benefits
- Assistance with Veteran Military Education
- War Orphan Education Act

#### **Other State Benefits**

- Lifetime Hunting and Fishing License (DV 10%)
- Veterans License Plates
- Iowa Veterans Cemetery
- Repository for Records
- Employment Assistants
- Veteran Designation on Iowa Drivers License & ID
- Transitional Assistance
- County Veterans Offices
- Deployment Assistance

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# **KANSAS**



# **Housing Benefits**

- Kansas Soldiers' Home (Long Term Care & Dom)
- Kansas Veterans' Home (Long Term Care & Dom)

### **Financial Assistance Benefits**

- Assistance to veterans and families thru KSNG Workforce Support Center and TAA
- Military Retirement Not Taxed by Kansas State

# **Employment Benefits**

- VA Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment
- State DVOPS & LVERs
- Veterans preference for civil service

#### **Education Benefits**

- Needs-based scholarships for OIF/OEF/ONE vets
- Robust educational and OJT programs throughout state thru State Approving Agency
- Free tuition to POWs and to dependents of KIA/MIAs
- KS National Guard scholarships
- Operation Recognition: High School diplomas for veterans
- In-state tuition rates for active military and their families

#### Wildlife & Parks

 Free hunting/fishing licenses, and Free State Parks admission for KSNG & Disabled Veterans

### **Health Benefits**

- Persian Gulf War Board and survey
- Vets' Mental Health Task Force under Dept of Social & Rehabilitative Services

### **Other State Benefits**

- Three state veterans' cemeteries; one in construction
- DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty)
- Advice on VA and state benefits from qualified Veteran Service Representatives
- Seven veterans license plates (MOPH, 100% Disabled, & POW free)
- Military retirement exempt from state income tax

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# **KENTUCKY**



# **Housing Benefits**

• State Veterans Long Term Care Facilities

### **Financial Assistance Benefits**

- New Veterans Loan Program
- Homeless Veterans Trust Fund

#### **Education Benefits**

- Complete Highschool w/o Tuition
- HS Diplomas for WWII, Korean, and Vietnam War Vets
- Tuition Waiver Program for Veterans and qualifying children, spouses, and un-remarried widows & widowers

# **Employment Benefits**

- Veterans Assistance Program
- · Helmets to Hardhats
- VetSuccess Program
- State Employment Preference Points
- Credit for Military Service (Civil Service)

#### **Other State Benefits**

- Homeless Veterans Program
- Hunting, Trapping, or Fishing License (50% SCD)
- Special Military-related License Plates
- No-Fee Certified Copies of Records (DD-214)
- Military Retiree Pension Tax Free (Up to \$41,110 AGI)
- Women Veterans Program
- Burial Honors
- State Veterans Cemeteries
- Benefit Counseling

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# LOUISIANA



# **Housing Benefits**

Louisiana War Veterans Homes

# **Employment Benefits**

- Military Service Relief Act
- Veterans Civil Service Preference (Employment Preference)

#### **Financial Assistance**

Louisiana Military Family Assistance Fund

#### **Education Benefits**

- Dependents Educational Assistance
- National Guard Tuition
- Veterans Education and Training State Approving Agency
- Troops to Teachers

#### **Other State Benefits**

- Free Hunting/Fishing Licenses
- Free Entrance to State Parks
- Free "Purple Heart" License Plates
- Motor Vehicle Disabled Veterans Special License Plates, Exemptions
- Special Prestigious License Plates for Certain Veterans and Retirees
- Recording of Discharges

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# **MAINE**



# **Housing Benefits**

Maine Veterans' Homes

### **Financial Assistance Benefits**

- Veterans Small Business Loan Program
- Property Tax Exemption

# **Employment Benefits**

Veterans Dependents Education Benefits Program

### **Other State Benefits**

- Maine Veterans Memorial Cemetery
- Recreational Licenses
- Veteran License Plates
- Gold Star Family License Plate
- Military Discharge Records
- Nursing and Rehabilitation Services
- Claims Representation
- Benefits Available from the Division of Motor Vehicles
- Hunting and Fishing License
- State Park Passes

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# **MARYLAND**



# **Housing Benefits**

- Veterans Home
- Exemptions on Property Tax
- Mortgage Assistance
- Homeless Assistance

### **Financial Assistance Benefits**

- Military Retired Pay Income Tax Exemption
- Interest-Free Veteran Owned Small Business Loans
- Maryland Veteran Trust Fund

# **Employment Benefits**

- Employment Assistance
- Veterans Preference for State Jobs
- Veteran Full Employment Act

### **Education Benefits**

Scholarships (for Veterans and Dependents)

#### **Other State Benefits**

- Veterans Benefit Service Program
- State Veterans Cemetery/Burial Benefits
- Transportation to VA Appointments
- Free Hunting & Fishing Licenses
- Free Admission to State Parks
- Military-Related License Plates
- Free Disabled License Plates for 100% Disabled Veterans
- Veteran-Owned Business Assistance
- Behavioral Health Services
- Veteran Designation on Driver's Licenses

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# **MASSACHUSETTS**



# **Housing Benefits**

- Public Assistance
- Shelter & Transitional Housing
- Property Tax Excemption

### **Financial Assistance Benefits**

- Tax Exemptions
- Annuities
- Bonuses
- Home for the Brave (Home Loan)

# **Employment Benefits**

- Upward Bound Program
- Operation Recognition
- Civil Service and Veterans' Preference

# Massachusetts Recently-Returned Combat Veterans

- Welcome Home Bonus
- Employment Opportunities
- Education
- Housing
- Your Local Veteran's Agent
- Yoga for Combat Veterans with PTSD
- TBI Rehab Providers
- PTSC & MST Counseling
- Transitional Counseling & Suicide Prevention

### **Education Benefits**

- Education Assistance Program
- Special Commission to Study Higher Education Tuition & Fee Waivers for Veterans
- Scholarships for Family Members of Veterans
- Massachusetts Soldiers Legacy Fund
- Smith MSW Scholarship
- Tuition and Fee Waivers
- Veteran Representatives on Campus

#### **Other State Benefits**

- Motor Vehicles Benefits
- National Guard and Reserve
- State Benefits for Dependents of a Veteran
- Mission Direct Vet (Jail diversion)
- Burial Benefits

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# **MICHIGAN**



# **Housing Benefits**

- Grand Rapids Home for Veterans
- D. J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans
- State Veterans Homes Board of Managers

# **Employment Benefits**

- Workforce Investment Act (WIA)
- Unemployment Compensation
- Re-Employment Rights for Veterans
- Veteran Preference for State Jobs
- Michigan Rehabilitation Service
- Service-Disabled Veterans Business Owners
- Apprenticeship Program for Discharged Veterans

#### **Financial Assistance Benefits**

- Emergency Grants
- Home Heating Credit
- Homestead Property Tax Credit
- Disabled Veteran Homestead Exemption
- Principle Residence Exemption
- Michigan National Guard Family Support Funds
- Veteran Trust Fund Emergency Grant Program
- Family Relief Fund
- Soldiers Relief Commission
- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program

### **Education Benefits**

- Tuition Grant Procedure Brief
- Children of Veterans' Tuition Grant Program
- Education Benefit for Children of Disabled or Deceased Veteran

#### **Other State Benefits**

- Property Tax Credit for Disabled Veterans
- Automobile License Plates
- WWII/Korean Vet HS Diploma Application
- DD-214 Request Form
- Dependent & Survivor Benefits

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# **MINNESOTA**



# **Housing Benefits**

- Homeless Veteran Prevention and Assistance
- Minnesota Veterans' Homes

# **Employment Benefits**

- MN Veterans Preference Act
- Employment Assistance
- Compensation for State Active Duty

#### **Education Benefits**

- Higher Education Veterans Programs
- State Tuition Reimbursement
- War Orphan Education Program
- Minnesota GI Bill
- Educational Grants
- OJT & Apprenticeship Programs
- Surviving Spouse Education Benefit
- On Campus Resource Centers
- Veterans Education Assistance (\$750 Grant)

### **Other State Benefits**

- Services Program
- Minnesota Veterans Homes
- State Soldiers' Assistance Fund
- Claims and Outreach Assistance
- Guardianship Division
- Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery
- Discharge Certificates
- Bronze Star Grave markers
- State Veterans Cemetery
- County Veteran Service Officer

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# **MISSISSIPPI**



# **Housing Benefits**

- Mississippi Veterans Home Purchase Board
- State Veterans Nursing Homes

### **Financial Assistance Benefits**

- Ad Valorem Tax
- Privilege Tax

# **Employment Benefits**

- Re-Employment
- Employment Preference
- State Retirement
- Professional License Reciprocity

#### **Education Benefits**

- Educational Assistance
- Mississippi Employment Security Commission

### **Other State Benefits**

- Mississippi Veterans Affairs Board
- Veterans Designation
- State Veterans Claims Division
- State VA Hospital Service Offices
- State Approving Agency Division
- Mississippi Department of Archives and History
- Mississippi State Personnel Board
- Mississippi Military Department (Army & Air National Guard)
- County Veterans Service Office and Officer
- State Veterans Memorial Cemetary
- Documents
- Hunting and Fishing Licenses
- Vehicle License Plates

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# **MISSOURI**



# **Housing Benefits**

- Missouri Veterans Homes
- Property Tax Credits
- Missouri Substitute Address for Homeless Veterans

### **Financial Assistance Benefits**

- Tax Exemption for AO Settle Payments
- Vietnam Veterans Survivor Grant Program
- War Veteran's Survivor Grant Program
- Show Me Heroes Program
- Unemployment Compensation for War on Terror Vets
- Unemployment Compensation for Military Spouses
- Missouri Military Family Relief Fund
- Missouri Universal Service Fund

#### **Education Benefits**

- Operation Recognition
- Missouri Returning Heroes' Education Act
- Higher Education Tuition Refunds when call to AD
- In-State Tuition Eligibility for Military Dependents

# **Employment Benefits**

- Veterans' Preference
- Priority for Qualified Veterans Employment
- Veterans Employment & Training Services
- Courtesy Professional Licenses for Non-Resident Military Spouses
- Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve
- Missouri State Employees Retirement System benefits for Veterans

#### **Other State Benefits**

- State Veterans Cemeteries and Homes
- World War II, Korean War and Vietnam Service Medal and Medallions
- Free Automobile License Plates
- Free/Reduced Hunting and Fishing License
- State Contract & Business Preference for SCD Veterans
- Burial & Cemetery Benefits
- · Veterans Identification on DL or ID Card
- Motorcycle/Commercial Driving Exam Exemptions
- Specialty Plates

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# **MONTANA**



# **Housing Benefits**

- Montana Veterans Homes
- Reduced or no real property taxes for qualified disabled veteran

# **Employment Benefits**

• Employment Assistance

#### **Education Benefits**

College Tuition Waivers

#### **Other State Benefits**

- Free M.V.A.D. Service Officer Assistance
- Free Hunting and Fishing Licenses for qualified disabled veterans
- Burial in State Veterans Cemeteries
- Up to \$500 Death Payment by the county of residence
- Up to \$100 Grave Marker by the county of residence
- Free license plate and vehicle registration wavier for qualified disabled veterans

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# **NEBRASKA**



# **Housing Benefits**

Property Tax/Homestead Exemption

#### **Financial Assistance Benefits**

Nebraska Veterans' Aid Fund

#### **Education Benefits**

- Waiver of Tuition Surviving Spouse & Dependents
- National Guard Tuition Assistance 75%
- Reserve Tuition Credit 50% (Community Colleges, State Colleges, and University of NE system)

# **Nebraska State Veterans Cemetery**

### **Assistance**

- Nebraska Veteran Service Office
- County Veterans' Service Office

#### **Other State Benefits**

- Veterans Homes
- Specialty License Plates
- Military Exemption & Renewal of Drivers License
- Hunting & Fishing Permits
- Educator Certificate Extension
- Renewal of Credentials to Practice a Profession
- Certified Copies of Public Records
- Recording of Discharges

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# **NEVADA**



# **Housing Benefits**

Nevada Veterans Home

### **Financial Assistance Benefits**

- Veterans Tax Exemptions
- Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption

# **Employment Benefits**

Civil Service Preference

#### **Other State Benefits**

- Assistance with Claims
- Hunting and Fishing License
- Guardianship Program
- Veteran Cemetery Plots
- Disabled Parking Privileges
- Special Veterans License Plates
- Documents
- Recording Fees

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# **NEW HAMPSHIRE**



# **Housing Benefits**

Veteran's Home

#### **Financial Assistance Benefits**

- Wartime Service Bonuses
- Tax Exemption and/or Credit

# **Employment Benefits**

- Employment Preference
- Training
- Seniority Time for certain Service Commitments

### **Education Benefits**

• Free Tuition for Children of Military Members (KIA/MIA)

#### **Other State Benefits**

- Town Burial for Indigent Veterans
- Veterans Cemetery
- Claims Assistance for Veterans and Their Families
- Driver, Peddler's and Fishing License Fee Exemption for Permanently and Totally Disabled Veterans
- Day Use State Park Admission for Disabled Veterans
- Veterans, National Guard, and Active Duty License Plates

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# **NEW JERSEY**



# **Housing Benefits**

- NJ Veterans Memorial Homes
- Stand Down Operations
- Veterans Haven Transitional Housing
- NJ Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency

### **Financial Assistance Benefits**

- Blindness and Catastrophic Disability Pensions
- New Jersey Property Tax Deduction
- New Jersey Property Tax Exemption

#### **OEF/OIF Initiative**

- OEF/OIF Veteran Business Re-Start Grant
- OEF/OIF Veteran Emergency Financial Aid Grant
- OEF/OIF Subsistence Grant-VA Claim Pending
- Outreach Campaign
- PTSD/TBI Benchmark Study for Deploying Troops
- Veteran Services Transportation Subsidy

#### **Education Benefits**

- Operation Recognition: High School Diplomas for Veterans
- State Approving Agency
- POW and MIA Tuition Benefits
- War Orphans Tuition Assistance
- Vietnam Veterans Tuition Credit Program
- New Jersey National Guard Educational Benefits

### **Employment Benefits**

- Veterans Civil Service Preference And Pension Status
- Helmets to Hard Hats

### **Health Benefits**

- PTSD 24/7 Toll Free Helpline (1-866-VETS NJ 4 U)
- PTSD Counseling for Veterans and Family
- PTSD/TBI Screenings
- Suicide Awareness and Prevention
- Veteran Home Healthcare Feasibility Study

#### **Other State Benefits**

- BG William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery
- Military Honors
- Veterans Service Officer State Wide Network
- NJ Service Medals / Replacement of Medals
- · Free Fishing and Hunting Licenses
- No Fee Automobile Registration
- Free State Parks Admission
- Pro Bono Legal Assistance

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# **NEW MEXICO**



### **Housing Benefits**

- · Homeless and At Risk Veteran Services
- State Veterans Home

#### **Financial Assistance Benefits**

- Veterans Property Tax Exemption
- Disabled Veteran 100% Property Tax Exemption

#### **Education Benefits**

- Vietnam Veteran College Scholarship
- Children of Deceased Veterans Scholarship
- World War II and Korean Veterans High School Diploma
- Veterans Education and Training Services

### **Other State Benefits**

- Special Disabled Veterans Hunting and Fishing Licenses
- Free Museum & Monument Pass for Disabled Veterans
- Veterans' License Plates
- The Patriot Plate
- Military Burial Program
- Veterans Transportation Service
- Native American Outreach Services
- Employer Tax Credit For Hiring Recent Veterans
- Help For Veteran Small Business Owners
- State Hiring Preference for Veterans
- New Mexico Veterans Court
- Free Counseling & Therapy for Recently-Returned Veterans

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# **NEW YORK**



# **Housing Benefits**

- State Veterans Home
- Specially Adapted Homes

#### **Financial Assistance Benefits**

- Property Tax Exemption
- Civil Service Credit Preference
- Burial and Headstone
- Auto Registration
- New York State Blind Annuity

### **Employment Benefits**

- Disabled Veterans Civil Service Preference
- Employment and Training
- Re-Employment

#### **Education Benefits**

- Veterans Tuition Award
- Awards for Children of Veterans
- Military Service Recognition Scholarship
- Vocational Rehabilitation

#### **Other State Benefits**

- Licenses and Permits
- Voter Registration

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# **NORTH CAROLINA**



# **Housing Benefits**

North Carolina State Veterans Nursing Homes

#### **Financial Assistance Benefits**

- Income Tax Relief
- Property Tax Relief

### **Employment Benefits**

• Employment Preference

#### **Education Benefits**

Scholarships

#### **Other State Benefits**

- Guardians
- Hunting and Fishing Licenses
- Auto License Plates
- Drivers License
- Handicap Parking Privileges
- Absentee Registration and Voting
- Disabled Voters, Primary or General Elections
- Records
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# **NORTH DAKOTA**



#### **Veteran's Bonus**

 Monetary Compensation for Mobilized Domestic and Foreign Service

# **Housing Benefits**

- Veterans Home
- Property Tax Exemption

#### **Financial Assistance Benefits**

- Hardship Grant
- Veterans Aid Loan Program

### **Education Benefits**

- NG Tuition Waiver
- Free Tuition to Dependents

# **Property Tax Exemptions**

· Certain disabled veterans

#### **Other State Benefits**

- License Plates
- Transportation
- State Parks Admission
- Veteran Indicator on North Dakota DL
- Veteran Transportation System
- Veterans Cemetery

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# OHIO



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- Homeowners Assistance Program (HAP)
- Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)
- Save the Dream Ohio Mortgage Assistance
- Smart Money Choices
- Short-term Financial Assistance
- Ohio Heroes Program Home Loan

#### **Education Benefits**

- Ohio War Orphans Scholarship
- Ohio Safety Officers College Memorial Fund
- Military Interstate Children's Compact
- H.S. Diploma's for Korean War, WWII, or Vietnam Veterans
- Ohio National Guard Scholarship Program
- KIA Spouse Tuition Waiver
- Ohio GI Promise In-State Tuition Program

# **Other State Benefits and Programs**

- · Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame
- Benefits Counseling Services
- Medals/Awards and Decorations
- Military Records
- Military/Veteran License Plates
- Free Purple Heart License Plates
- Transportation to Medical Appointments
- Updating Your Discharge
- Veterans Rapid Response Employment Program
- Patriot Program Legal Assistance
- OHIO CARES Mental Health Services
- 88 County Veteran Service Offices

# **Housing Benefits**

 Ohio Veterans Homes – long term disabled veterans

#### **Benefits for 100% Disabled Veterans**

- Free Hunting and Fishing Licenses
- Free License Plates
- Free Boating Licenses
- Property Tax Rollback
- Free Camping in State Parks

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# **OKLAHOMA**



# **Housing Benefits**

Veterans Center (Long-Term Care)

### **Financial Assistance Benefits**

- Financial Aid Grants (WWI, WWII, Korean, Vietnam, Persian Gulf)
- Tax Exemption (Property, Income, Sales, Retirement)

### **Employment Benefits**

• State Veterans Employment Preference

#### **Education Benefits**

National Guard Tuition Waiver Program

#### Other State Benefits

- Free Hunting and Fishing Permit for legal residents 60% or more Disability
- Reduced Fee Auto Tags
- Admission to State Owned Parks
- License Plates
- Oklahoma Cross of Valor
- Veterans Service Representatives cover all seventyseven counties
- Claims and Benefits Division with representation in VA appeals

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# **OREGON**



### **Housing Benefits**

- Oregon Veterans' Home Loans
- Oregon Veterans' Home
- Oregon Property Tax Exemption

#### **Financial Assistance Benefits**

- Oregon Conservatorship Program
- Oregon Veterans' Emergency Financial Assistance Program (OVEFAP)

### **Employment Benefits**

- Oregon Veterans' Employment Preference
- Oregon Veterans' Re-Employment Rights

#### **Education Benefits**

- Oregon Educational Aid
- High School Diploma
- Veterans' Dependent Tuition Waiver

#### **Other State Benefits**

- Oregon Hunting and Fishing Licenses
- Oregon State Park Use Permits
- Oregon Veterans License Plates
- Oregon Public Records
- Claims and Counseling

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# **PENNSYLVANIA**



### **Housing Benefits**

State Veterans Homes

#### **Financial Assistance Benefits**

- Persian Gulf Conflict Veterans' Benefit Act
- Veterans Emergency Assistance
- Real Estate Tax Exemption for certain veterans
- Blind Veterans Pension
- Paralyzed Veterans Pension
- Military Combat Pay Income Tax Exemption
- Military Family Relief Program

#### **Education Benefits**

- Educational Gratuity
- Scotland School for Veterans' Children
- National Guard Educational Assistance Program
- Educational Assistance Program (EAP)
- Pa State Grants for certain veterans

# **Employment Benefits**

- State Civil Service Preference
- Veterans Employment Assistance
- Compensation for state active duty pay and allowances

#### **Miscellaneous**

- Hunting/Fishing/Fur Trapper license for disabled veterans
- Antlerless Deer License
- County burial allowances
- Free County grave markers
- Veterans License Plates/Placards
- Birth and Death Records

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# RHODE ISLAND



# **Housing Benefits**

- Rhode Island Veteran's Home
- Rhode Island Veteran's Cemetery
- Homeless Assistance Resources

#### **Financial Benefits**

• The Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program

#### **Other State Benefits**

- Rhode Island Veterans Benefits Counseling
- Rhode Island Burial Benefits
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# **SOUTH CAROLINA**



### **Housing Benefits**

- Specially Adapted Housing
- State Veterans Nursing Homes

### **Financial Assistance Benefits**

- South Carolina Military Family Relief Fund
- Admissions Tax Exemptions
- Income Tax Exemption on Military Retirement Pay
- Property Taxes Homestead Exemption
- Property Tax Exemption
- Tax Exemption for Compensation, Pension, Disability Retirement Pay and VA Payments
- Parking Fee Exemption
- Active Duty Pay Relevant to SC Department of Revenue and Taxation

### **Employment Benefits**

- Veterans Preference
- Veterans Re-Employment Rights

### **Education Benefits**

Education Assistance

#### **Other State Benefits**

- Credit of State Retirement for Military Service
- Free Hunting and Fishing Licenses
- State Parks Totally Disabled Persons
- Special License Plates
- Presentation of the State Flag to Families of Deceased Members of the South Carolina National Guard
- Recording of Discharges
- · Marriage, Birth, Death, and Divorce Verifications

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# **SOUTH DAKOTA**



# **Housing Benefits**

Michael J. Fitzmaurice State Veterans Home

#### **Financial Assistance Benefits**

- War veterans' emergency loan program
- Property tax exemption for 100% service disabled veterans
- Property tax exemption for certain paraplegic or amputee veterans
- Property and Sales tax refunds for certain aged or disabled veterans
- South Dakota Veterans Bonuses
- Sales Tax Refund for Certain Elderly & Disabled Vets

#### **Education Benefits**

- Free tuition for certain veterans at state supported schools
- Free tuition for children of veterans who died while in service
- Free Tuition for Dependents of POW's and MIA's
- Reduced Tuition for South Dakota National Guard Members
- Honorary High School diplomas for WW11, Korea and Vietnam veterans
- On the Job Training and Apprenticeship

### **Employment Benefits**

- Re-employment rights of public employees
- Local Veterans employment representatives
- Veterans preference

#### **Other State Benefits**

- Free Certified Copies of Veterans Records
- Burial Allowance
- Headstone Setting Fee
- Special License Plates
- Veteran Designation on DL or ID Card
- Hunting and Fishing Cards for Disabled Veterans
- Free Admission and Reduced Camping Fees for Veterans
- Special Provisions for Handicapped Hunters

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# **TENNESSEE**



# **Housing Benefits**

- State Veterans Homes
- Property Tax Relief (100%)

#### **Education Benefits**

- Helping Heroes Grant for Veterans
- Diplomas for World War or Korean War Veterans
- Dependents of Certain Veterans, Tuition Fees
- Combat Veterans Early Registration

### **Employment Benefits**

- Veterans Preference
- Credit for Military Service in State Employment
- Re-Employment Rights of Public Employees
- Military Spouse Licenses and Certifications
- Unemployment Benefits

#### **Other State Benefits**

- State Veterans Cemeteries
- Free License Plates (100%)
- Free Hunting and Fishing Licenses (30%)
- Motor Vehicle Privilege Tax Exemption (100%)
- Special/Memorial License Plates
- Purple Heart Free License Plate
- No-Fee Registration of Discharges
- Tennessee Fallen Hero Medal
- Veterans ID
- Discounted Rates at State Parks
- Free Day at State Parks for Veterans

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# **TEXAS**



# **Housing Benefits**

- Texas Veterans Land Board Programs
- Texas Veterans Homes

#### **Financial Assistance Benefits**

- Tax Exemption for Veterans
- The Hazlewood Act
- Texas Veterans Commission Fund for Veterans' Assistance

### **Employment Benefits**

- Veterans Preference
- Veteran Employment Representative

### **Other State Benefits**

- Texas State Cemetery Program
- No-Cost Medical Records
- Free Drivers License for Disabled Veterans
- Fishing and Hunting Licenses for Disabled Veterans
- Free Recording of Discharges
- Special License Plates

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# **UTAH**



# **Housing Benefits**

- Property Tax Abatement
- Valor House
- Utah State Veterans Nursing Homes
- Homeless Veterans Fellowship

# **Employment Benefits**

- Veterans Job Representatives
- Veterans Job Preference
- Veterans Hiring Priority

#### **Education Benefits**

- Veterans Upward Bound
- Tuition Waiver for Purple Heart Recipients
- Tuition waiver for dependents of service members killed in the line of duty after 9/11/2001
- Honorary High School Diplomas

#### **Other State Benefits**

- Veterans License Plates
- Utah State Veterans Cemetery & Memorial Park
- Military Discharge Records
- Free Use of Armories
- Fishing License Privileges
- Special Fun Tags for State Parks
- "America the Beautiful" Pass for National Parks
- Bus / Trax Reduced Fare Cards
- Vehicle Registration fee waiver for Purple Heart Recipients
- Outreach Services

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# **VERMONT**



# Assistance with VA Benefit Applications, Including Disability Compensation

- Vermont Office of Veterans Affairs, Montpelier
- American Legion, VFW, DAV, White River Junction

# **Transitional Housing for Homeless Veterans**

• The Dodge House, Rutland and Veterans Place, Northfield

#### **Financial Assistance Benefits**

- Vermont Veteran Assistance Fund
- Casualty Assistance Fund for families of soldiers killed or wounded in the War on Terror

### **Employment Assistance**

 Vermont Department of Labor Career Resource Centers have dedicated staff to help veterans find employment

#### Other State Benefits and/or Services

- DD Form 214s to verify military service
- Recognition programs, including medals & vet license plates
- Free Hunting/Fishing Licenses for 100% disabled veterans

# **Long Term Care**

• Vermont Veteran's Home, Bennington

### **Mortuary Benefits**

• Vermont Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Randolph Center

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# **VIRGINIA**



# **Housing Benefits**

Virginia Veterans Care Center

# **Employment Benefits**

- Virginia Employment Commission (VEC)
- Department of Human Resource Management Veteran Outreach Services

#### **Education Benefits**

- Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program
- Honorary Diplomas for World War II Veterans

#### **Other State Benefits**

- Wounded Warrior Program
- Cemeteries provide burial and perpetual care services to veterans and eligible dependents
- License Plates
- Lifetime Hunting and Fishing Licenses

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# Virgin Islands



# **Housing Benefits**

- Homestead Tax Exemption of \$20,000 of the valuation of real property
- Veteran Home/Land Loan (\$110,000 @ 4%)

#### **Financial Benefits**

Homestead Tax Exemption (Up to \$650.00)

### **Employment Benefits**

- 10-Points Employment Preference for Veterans
- 15-Points Employment Preference for Disabled Veterans

#### **Education Benefits**

Free Tuition

#### Other Benefits

- Free Burial Plot
- Burial Expense Reimbursement (\$3,500)
- Free Emergency Ambulance Service
- Free License Plates
- 100% Reimbursement for VA Appointment Travel off Island
- Taxi Medallion

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# WASHINGTON



# **Housing Benefits and Programs**

- Homeless Veterans Transitional Housing Program
- State Veterans Homes

# **Financial Assistance Benefits and Programs**

- Veterans Estate Management Program (Fiduciary)
- Veterans Innovation Program (OEF/OIF)
- County Veterans Assistance Funds

# **Employment Benefits and Programs**

- Employment Preference
- Re-Employment and Layoff Rights
- Military Retirement Credit
- Local Veterans Employment Representatives
- Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program

# **Education Benefits and Programs**

- Reduced Tuition
- Veterans Friendly Campus Program
- Veterans Conservation Corps

### **Health Benefits and Programs**

- Statewide Readjustment/Trauma Services
- Military Kids Program
- Special Health Care Services

# **Other State Benefits and Programs**

- Recording Discharges
- Special Veterans License Plates
- Reduced Fishing and Hunting Licenses (DV 30%)
- Reduced Public Transportation (DV 40%)
- Property Tax Relief for Eligible Veterans and Widows/Widowers
- Outreach to Underserved Veterans
- Contracted Veterans Service Organization Services

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# **WEST VIRGINIA**



### **Housing Benefits**

- Homestead Exemption for Certain Eligible Veterans
- State Veterans Home

### **Financial Assistance Benefits**

Veterans Bonus

### **Employment Benefits**

Veterans Preference

#### **Education Benefits**

- State War Orphans Education
- Veterans Re-Education Act Fund

#### Other State Benefits

- Agent Orange Program
- Free License Automobile
- Free Hunting and Fishing Privileges

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# **WISCONSIN**



# **Housing Benefits**

- WDVA Home Loan
- WDVA Home Improvement Loan
- Homeless Veterans Assistance
- Veterans Homes
- Veterans Cemeteries

### **Financial Assistance Benefits**

- Wisconsin Veterans and Surviving Spouses Property Tax Credit
- Veterans Tax Exemptions
- Property Tax Credit

# **Employment Benefits**

- Apprentices
- Employment Assistance
- Employment Representatives
- Hiring Preference
- Job Retaining Grants
- Professional/Occupational Licensure Programs

#### **Education Benefits**

- Academic Credit for Military Experience
- Federal GI Bill Benefits
- H.S. Diplomas
- Tuition Residency
- Wisconsin GI Bill Tuition Remission
- VetEd Reimbursement Grant

#### Other State Benefits

- Resident Annual Disabled (Reduced Rate) Fishing License
- Disabled Veteran Reduced-Fee Fishing License
- Special Hunting Permits for Disabled Residents
- Military Free Fishing & Small Game Hunting License
- Incarcerated Veterans Program
- License Plates
- Military Service Medals & Records Assistance
- Military Funeral Honors Program
- Review of Military Discharge Assistance
- Free Access to State Parks & Trails
- Transportation to VA Medical Appointments

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# **WYOMING**



# **Housing Benefits**

- Veterans' Home of Wyoming
- Sheridan Community Shelter
- Volunteers of America Northern Rockies Freedom Hall
- Homeless Veterans House & Recovery House

#### **Financial Assistance Benefits**

- Wyoming Veterans Tax Exemption
- Family Support Grant
- Property Tax Exemption
- Emergency Assistance (AL & VFW)
- Financial Consultants

# **Employment Benefits**

- Wyoming Department of Workforce Services
- Veterans Preference
- Unemployment Insurance
- One-Stop Employment Centers
- Wyoming Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)
- State & Federal Job Protections for Military & Veterans
- Natl. Guard Transition Assistance Advisor
- Wyoming Seven Seals Job Coordinator
- Natl. Guard Employment Opportunities

#### **Education Benefits**

- Free Tuition for War Veterans & Surviving Dependents
- Wyoming Natl. Guard 100% State Educational Assistance Plan
- Operation Recognition (High School Diploma)

#### **Other State Benefits**

- Free Fishing License
- Free Bird, Small Game License
- Free Hunting & Fishing License While on Leave
- Free Lifetime State Park Pass
- Free National Parks and Federal Recreational Land Pass
- Transition Assistance
- Recognition of Veterans
- Veterans Advocates
- Military Records
- License Plates
- Long-Term Health Care
- Oregon Trail State Veterans Cemetery
- Family Assistance Centers
- Psychological Health
- Incarcerated Veterans Programs
- State Sponsored Life Insurance

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